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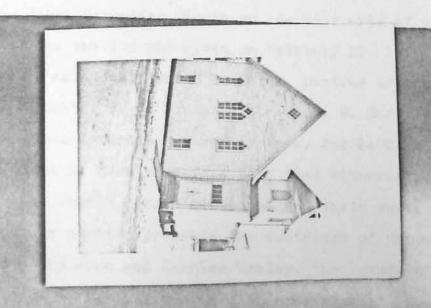
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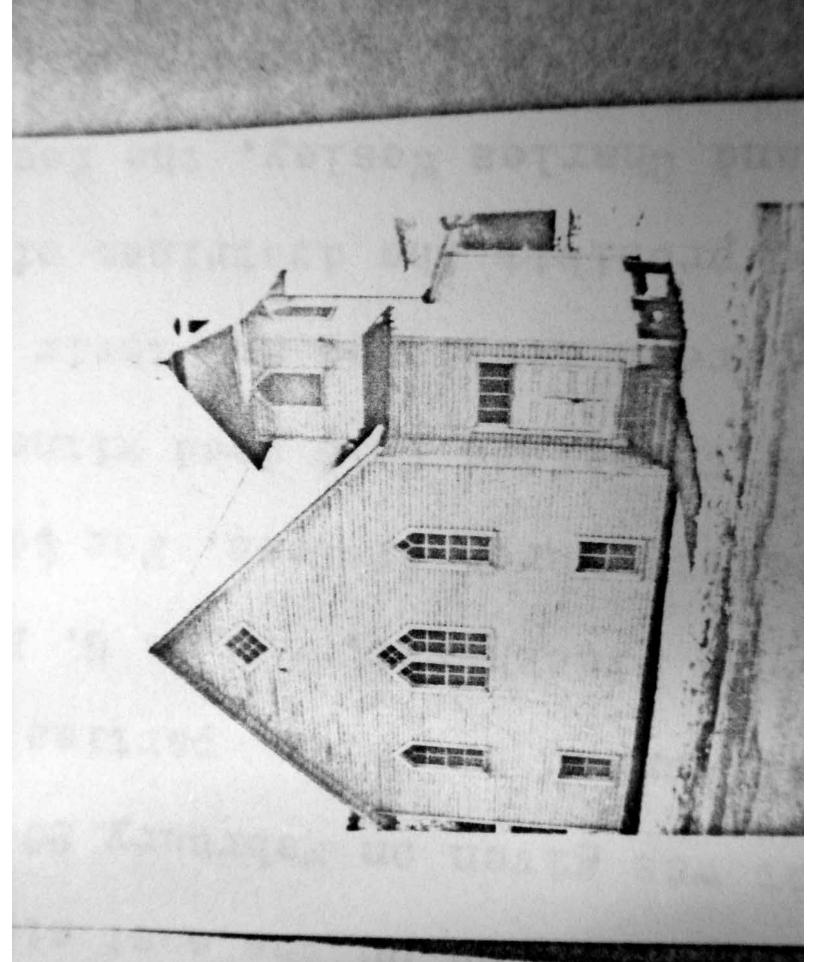
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Rev. Q. Arbogast, and Kev. H. Blackhurst

I did not know until a few days ago that I was foing to have to get these churches so this is not as complete as cityonight have been.





Cass Methodist Churches

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The Methodist class of the M. E. Church South was organized in 1903 by the Rev. John McNeil of the Greenbank circuit. As not have the date when the M. E. class was organized, but it was soon after the above date. No church was built in Cass until in 1920 when the Presbyterians built theirs. For four years this church was used by the Methodists, too. Finally some of the Presbyterians objected to the Methodists using the church, and decided to charge them \$15. per Sunday or \$25. for two Sundays per month. They soon decided that they could not afford to pay this amount, and that it would be best to build a church of their own.

The M. E. members withdrew first and in 1924 built
The First Methodist Church on the east side of the river. The
deed for the lot was given on February 20, 1924 by Dr. Allen
Burner and Mabel Burner his wife, parties of the first part, and
J. P. Smith, H. O. Blackherst, and A. G. Hardbarger, trustees of
the First Methodist church of Cass. For \$400. cash lots 6 and 7
in block 1. "Now therefore this deed witnesseth, the trustees
of said church herein mentioned and their successors in office
shall at no time prohibit the doctrines of Sanctification as
taught by John and Charles Wesley, the founders of Methodistism."

A little later in that same year the M. E. South members also withdrew from the church. and the deed for the lots were given by William V. Hiner and Grace C. Hiner his wife, to C. P. Gillispie, J. W. Bible, Roy Cook, Burk McCarty, J. Hobbs Rose, H. H. Brown, Markwood Gum, L. S. Cochran and William Siple, trustees. for the sum of \$1,800. a lot or parcel of land in Cass

adjoining the land of the West 'irginia Pulp and Paper Co. for the use of the M. E. Church, South.

In 1939 these two churches were united, and the M. E. South church is used for preaching purposes. The M. E. church is still used for Sunday school.

The Stewards are C. P. Gillispie, J. W. Bible, Roy Cook, and Kev. H. O. Blackherst. E. R. Loudermilk is the Supt. and the teachers are J. W. Jack, Mrs. Myrl Ervin, Mrs. C. P. Gillispie, C. P. Gillispie, Mrs J. H. Rose, Warren Shiflett, and Audre McPherson. Burk McCarty is the Sec. and Treas.

Mrs. Charles Sheets is the Pres. of the Womens Society of Christain Service.